

GREAT AUTOMOBILE AND PIANO CONTEST

Almost One Thousand Dollars in Prizes to Be Given to Young Ladies of This County by The Democrat for Their Aid in Collecting Subscription Money for Us

A FORD AUTOMOBILE AND \$300 PIANO

And Other Valuable Prizes to Be Given—Contest Will Last About Seven Weeks—Every Girl Failing to Win Prize Gets Cash Payment of 10 per Cent for Her Services.

The biggest and best prize-winning contest ever conducted by a weekly newspaper in Ohio is being inaugurated by THE DEMOCRAT this week. Almost \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded, absolutely free, to the young ladies of this county, and every candidate who fails to win a prize will receive 10 per cent of the money she collects during the contest. The contest will last about seven weeks, and at the close the prizes will be promptly awarded to the winners.

All Young Ladies Eligible

Our contest is open to the ladies, any age, married or single, living in Mercer County. Every young lady who reads this announcement should send us her nomination at once. Every man who reads it should send in the name of his wife, his daughter or his best girl friend, as the case may be. And then he should give her his active support.

Easy and Pleasant Work

The work connected with the contest is healthy, easy and pleasant. All a candidate has to do is to collect money for subscription to THE DEMOCRAT. We furnish a list of subscribers that shows the names and addresses of every person taking our paper. This list also shows just what each person owes us. All a candidate has to do is to collect this money and induce all of her friends to subscribe for our paper if they are not one already.

Notes and How to Get Them

For every cash subscription collection a candidate makes, whether old, new or renewal, she will receive votes according to the following schedule:

1 year	\$1.00	600 votes
2 years	\$2.00	1300 votes
3 years	\$3.00	2300 votes
4 years	\$4.00	3500 votes
5 years	\$5.00	5000 votes
10 years	\$10.00	15000 votes

How the Prizes Will Be Awarded

The candidate who gets the highest number of votes during this short contest will receive a brand new five-passenger Ford automobile, absolutely free. The girl who finishes in second place gets a magnificent \$300 piano, the third highest will receive a \$40 business scholarship, the fourth highest will get a fine fall jeweled 20 watch, and every candidate who works till the end of the contest and fails to win a prize will be paid a cash commission of 10 per cent of the money she collects during the contest. A chance to win an automobile, or a piano, four chances to win a valuable prize and no chance to lose, is the opportunity our contest offers. Subscription lists will be ready next Wednesday, and the contest really starts on that day. Girls, be sure to come to our office for one of the lists on that day. In the meantime you can phone to your friends, tell them you are in the race and ask them to save their subscription money and fifty vote coupons for you.

Contest Rules

The contest will not cover a period of many months, but will be closed in a few weeks and the prizes promptly awarded the winners. Any lady living in Mercer County can take part. The prizes will be awarded according to the vote totals at the close. Votes cannot be bought, but will be given with every cash subscription, old or new, for THE DEMOCRAT. There is no other way to get votes, but by the nomination vote of \$5,000 and the 50 vote coupons published in our paper. All candidates will be treated exactly alike, and three business men of Celina will be appointed as judges to assure everyone that the contest will positively be conducted on a fair, square and impartial plan.

Nominations

We give 5,000 votes with every nomination. These nominations can be made by letter, phone or the regular nomination blank printed here. But only the nomination vote of 5,000 will be credited to any one candidate, regardless of the number of nominations that come in for her.

This Blank Is Good for 5,000 Votes

Fill in the name of your favorite young lady and send it to our Contest Department at once. She may win the Ford Automobile and give you a free ride this summer. And we won't tell your name unless you request it.

NOMINATION BLANK

When filled out and sent to "Contest Department" of THE DEMOCRAT, Celina, Ohio, this form is good for 5,000 votes in the Automobile-Piano Contest.

THE DEMOCRAT, Celina, Ohio:

Dear Sir—I hereby nominate and cast 5,000 votes

for M. _____

Address _____

R.D. No. _____ Yours truly,

Only one nomination vote credited to one girl.

Fifty Vote Coupons

The fifty vote coupon printed below is good for 50 votes in our contest when filled and mailed or carried to our office. These coupons are printed this week in our paper and any number of them will be credited to a candidate. Girls can go from house to house to collect these 50 vote coupons for themselves, and men can collect them to cast for their favorite candidate.

Not Good After July 9

When filled in and mailed or sent to Contest Department, this coupon is good for

50 VOTES

In THE DEMOCRAT'S big Automobile-Piano Contest for

M. _____

Address _____

Girls, It Is Now Up to You

Girls, did you ever hear that old saying about the early bird catching the worm, or the one about striking while the iron is hot? Well, those old "high-brows" knew whereof they spoke, and in our contest the young lady who gets an early start and sticks to it, will be riding around the country in a brand new automobile, all her own, this summer.

THE DEMOCRAT has a special Contest Manager at the office. Mr. HOWARD B. SPYER is his name, and he will be glad to explain all about the Contest to any interested parties.

CHILDREN'S DAY MISSION SERVICE

A splendid program has been arranged for the children's day missionary service at the Celina Lutheran Church next Sunday evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. It will prove delightful and entertaining for the young people have been preparing with care for the great annual event of that evening. We are sorry the program got in too late for publication in this issue of THE DEMOCRAT. But you should go and hear them.

George Snavely returned home Monday from Fremont, where he attended the funeral of his aged mother.

OHIO TO VOTE ON DRY AMENDMENT

Anti-Saloon League to Submit It to People This Fall.

TRUSTEES VOTE TO FIGHT IT OUT

Decision Means the Entering Upon a Terrific Struggle for the Perpetuation or Total Abolition of the Liquor Traffic in This State—Amendment a Counter Proposal to That of the Wet Forces.

Columbus, July 2. — A majority of trustees of the Ohio Anti-Saloon league, having voted to fight it out this year, the executive committee of the league cast the die and announced there would be submitted to the people this fall a straight prohibition amendment to the constitution as a counter proposal to that of the wets to write into the constitution a clause forbidding the legislature to pass a state prohibition law and to make invalid the county option law.

The decision, which means the entering upon the biggest struggle for the perpetuation or destruction of the liquor traffic the state has had for many years was announced by Chairman A. M. Courtenay of the executive committee. Immediate way for the contest was cleared by obtaining approval of the form of the wet amendment by Secretary of State Graves and of the form of the dry amendment by Attorney General Hogan. Petition blanks on which each of the contestants must obtain 105,000 signatures by Aug. 4 were sent out. In the amendment the drys give the saloons eighteen months in which to close business should the people vote prohibition.

Chairman Courtenay in his announcement pointed out that the wets had forced the contest this year by demanding that the Ohio constitution shall go further than that of any other state by forbidding any advance in temperance legislation. He said this belied the claim of the wets that they were satisfied with the license system and that they would not infect the liquor issue into "important campaigns where men and other measures are issues."

Concluding his announcement he said: "The trustees of the Ohio Anti-Saloon league, representing the various religious denominations, as well as the various organizations, accept the challenge of the brewers and with faith in the patriotism and high moral purpose of the voters, submit to them the proposal to end the persistent attempts of the liquor men to force their destructive traffic upon the people by eliminating every saloon, brewery and distillery in the state. In this crucial contest we invite the co-operation of every organization in favor of the abolition of the liquor traffic and invoke the blessing of Almighty God."

NAVY NOW DRY

Secretary Daniels' Order Goes Into Effect at Midnight.

New York, July 1. — Did the jolly mariners of Uncle Sam's navy, as they sang the last great chant last midnight, pour out their few and final drops and lift a toast to Secretary Josephus Daniels? They did not. If you can believe the young officers and seamen over in the navy yard the secretary will have to struggle along without a toast from his subordinates, whether they are afloat or ashore. The wine mess was abolished at midnight by formal order. Wherever United States warships were, that order went into effect. The talk in the navy yard was that great hardship will be caused on some of the big warships by the embargo on liquor. A number of officers agreed in saying that the order is pretty sure to be bad for discipline.

TEN ARRESTS MADE

Father Pays \$700 Ransom in Marked Bills For Recovery of Boy.

New York, July 2.—Frank Longo, eight, who was stolen from his father and mother, in telling of his experience, said that at times he felt so hopeless and hungry in the dark rooms where his captors, a man and a woman, held him that one day he tried to kill himself with a knife. The boy was kidnapped May 13 last. His parents paid \$700 ransom in marked bills. These bills led to the arrest of nine men and ten women, all Italians. Macalusa, a grocer, is among the prisoners.

Foreigners Prepare For Flight.

Vera Cruz, Mexico, July 2.—Reports from Mexico City brought by travelers serve to confirm previous declarations that a condition of war is appearing at the capital. The foreigners are gathering in their zones and as many of them as can are trying to get out. All the refugees say that Huerta's fall is inevitable.

Educator Missing.

Syracuse, N. Y., July 2.—Louis F. D. Briols, professor of French at Syracuse high school, has been strangely missing since June 24. He drew his savings from a bank and vanished, leaving his wife knowing nothing of his whereabouts.

Girls! If you want to get a Ford automobile absolutely free call at The Democrat office for particulars.

Mrs. J. J. Gast and family are home from a visit with relatives at Cincinnati.

ICE-CREAM SOCIAL AT NEPTUNE

The ladies' aid society of the Church of God at Neptune will give an ice-cream social at the town hall in that village tomorrow (Saturday) evening. Celebrate the Fourth with them. All invited.

MR. SCHUNCK'S MAGNIFICENT GIFT

Christopher Schunck last week deeded his fine residence property at the corner of God at Neptune will give an ice-cream social at the town hall in that village tomorrow (Saturday) evening. Celebrate the Fourth with them. All invited.

Mr. Schunck has made many notable gifts to the church of his faith in this city and its organizations in the last few years, and has always been a liberal contributor to its funds.

Mr. Schunck is preparing to go to a sanitarium at Rome City, Ind., where he spent last winter, and may possibly make the place his permanent home. Be this as it may, his old neighbors and friends will see him here again, though hoping to see him pleasantly located in his declining years and enjoying himself to the fullest measure.

THE GRIM REAPER

Jonas Weist, one of the best known venerable residents of this city, died early this morning at his home on East Livingston street, as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained a week previous.

Mr. Weist suffered a first stroke four years ago, from which he never fully recovered although he was able, until the last couple of weeks before his death to be up and around and got down town almost every day.

Deceased was born in Fairfield county, this state, December 3, 1841, being past fourscore and two years at the time of his death.

He was first united in marriage to Catherine Crider and after her death married Sarah Nuding at Tanah in February, 1882. They moved to this city from Hopewell township in 1909.

Deceased is survived by his wife and four children—Mrs. Sam'l Hays, of Hopewell township; Willis, of Pomona, Calif.; Charles, of New Mexico, and Dr. Clarence, of Columbus. Two sisters and a brother also survive. Funeral services were held at the M. E. Church Wednesday afternoon.

Benton Baird, aged 50 years, died very suddenly on the 24th ult., at the home at the home of his sisters Mrs. L. A. Borchers, at Rockford. One brother, W. B. Baird, also of Rockford, survives.

Mrs. Mary Nicklaus, aged 67 years, well known in this city, where she had lived for many years, died suddenly at the County Infirmary last Saturday. She was born in Germany, and is survived by two daughters, one living in Germany and one at Cincinnati. Funeral services were held at the Catholic Church in this city Monday morning.

CELINA WINS UP-HILL GAME

Bill to Regulate Cotton Exchanges Passes the House.

Washington, June 30. — Regulation of cotton exchanges is provided for in the Lever bill which passed the house. The measure proposes to regulate cotton exchanges through the exercise of the taxing power. The senate having already passed a like bill, the whole proposition is now thrown into a conference committee representing the two houses.

It is expected that this protocol, along with others already signed, will be embodied later in a complete agreement to be signed by the Constitutionalists, the Huerta delegates and American representatives. This would finally clear up all points of international difference and fix a date for the recognition of the new government.

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MEXICAN MUDDLE STILL UNSOLVED

South American Diplomats Bring Their Work to An End.

HUERTA ENVOYS DISAPPOINTED

American Delegates No More Pleased Than the Mexicans at the Decision of the Mediators to Abandon Their Efforts for Restoration of Peace in the Southern Republic—Statement of Mediators.

Niagara Falls, Ont., July 2. — The three South American diplomats who undertook to seek a solution to the Mexican problem brought their work to an end without having found that solution. The closing of the mediation conferences was marked by a formal luncheon given by the mediators. All the members of the American and Mexican delegations were present.

The formal statement by which Ambassador Da Gama of Brazil and Ministers Naon and Suarez of Argentina and Chile virtually admitted that they had abandoned hope, took the form of a speech made by the Brazilian envoy. After declaring that he and his colleagues had never disagreed, Senor Da Gama announced that the international conflict had been settled, thanks to the mediators, and that "so far we averted a war."

The optimism expressed by the ambassador of Brazil and his two colleagues does not appear, however, to be felt by anyone else connected with the mediation conference. The American delegates are no more pleased than the Mexicans at the sudden decision of the mediators to abandon their efforts in behalf of peace in Mexico. It is known here that the Washington government was quite willing to keep its representatives here until a solution had been found. Although severely disappointed over the outcome of their fruitless labors, the Mexican delegates feel that they and the government which they represent have left no stone unturned in their effort to make peace.

No protocol has been signed as yet indicating when the American forces will be withdrawn from Vera Cruz. This has been left for consideration after the two Mexican factions agree on the new provisional government. It is expected that this protocol, along with others already signed, will be embodied later in a complete agreement to be signed by the Constitutionalists, the Huerta delegates and American representatives. This would finally clear up all points of international difference and fix a date for the recognition of the new government.

IMPOSES TAX ON FUTURES

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GROCERS WILL CLOSE TO-MORROW NOON

We, the undersigned grocers, will close Saturday, July 4, 1914, at 12 o'clock noon, for the rest of the day.

Laudahn & Meserve
E. Brandon
Deitch & Son
Joe Schmitt
Val Fortman
J. W. Schroyer
Kroeger & Smith
Durbin & Son

BIG METHODIST PICNIC PLANNED

A committee appointed by the last Lima District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at a meeting at St. Marys on the 25th, determined on the time and place of holding a district picnic. Merceline Park, this city, was selected as the place, and the time Tuesday, July 14.

The committee also issued the following statement: "This picnic is to embrace all the pastors of the district and their families, and all the laymen and their families. Bring your baskets well laden; or, if you do not wish to be bothered with a basket, there are plenty of places to eat at reasonable prices."

"This is to be a rallying occasion from all parts of the district and an informal getting acquainted affair."

"All the pastors, Sunday-school superintendents, Epworth League presidents, ladies' aid presidents and missionary society presidents are requested to rally their respective organizations for the occasion."

"Merceline Park is a beautiful place on the bank of the Grand Reservoir. Boating, bathing, fishing, ball, croquet, tennis, bowling and other pastimes."

"Come!" says the committee.

AUTOMOBILE RACES TO-MORROW

Local automobile racing enthusiasts are preparing for a big celebration to-morrow, the Fourth. Quite a number of entries of good racing cars are already entered for the automobile and motorcycle races at the Fair Grounds at 2:30 p.m. noon, and a big parade of machines is being arranged for tomorrow morning.

Among those already entered in the automobile event are:

Louis Disbrow, of Baltimore, who last week broke the half mile track record at Lima, held by Barney Gilfield. He made the first mile in a minute and six seconds.

W. T. Reed and Carl Russell, of Portland, Ind.

Douglas Gray, of Chicago.

Dale Armentrout, of Lima, who will drive a Cole, specially built by J. E. Thomas, the Cole agent at Lima, for the Celina races. Mr. Thomas will be remembered by many here when he clerked in the W. E. Sheppard grocery some years ago.

Ed Fontz and Joe Stout, of Portland, will also likely enter, the former driving a Buick and the latter a Haynes.

PERSONAL GOSSIP

Mrs. Henry Lennartz is home from a visit with Edward Stock and wife at St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Merz are the parents of a baby girl born last Saturday morning.

Miss Elizabeth Blosser, of Chillicothe, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. G. W. Struckman.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Griffith, of Pontiac, Mich., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Caster.

Pleasant Johnson, of Kansas City, Mo., is here for a visit with his sister, Mrs. L. M. Johnson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Burris, West Livingston street, are the proud parents of a baby girl, born last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Logan, of Hilldale, Mich., are guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hitchens.

HOME-COMING DAY TO BE A FEATURE

Of the Celina Chautauqua This Year, Date Being Aug. 6

May Guenther and Harold Kessinger to Share Honor With Gov. Cox That Day.

The Celina Chautauqua will add a feature to the program this year that should prove pleasing to its patrons whether new or old. The directors have decided to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Chautauqua—the best between Winona Assembly and Chautauqua, New York—with a home coming worthy of the time and place—Celina, August 6. The regular program will be added to with the appearance of Gov. Cox and Attorney General H. H. Wood, and perhaps other notable persons. There will be other features to make the day memorable, and will be announced further along.

The following are the principal features for the annual Chautauqua program this summer:

Bremen's Quartette, July 31, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.
Lou J. Beankamp, August 1, at 2 p.m.
Kuhne's Concert Company, August 1, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.
Father P. J. MacCorry, August 2, at 2 p.m.
Schilckret Orchestra, August 2, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.
Delana's Military Band, August 3, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.
Neapolitans, Aug. 4, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.
Dr. J. W. Hill, August 4, at 2:30 p.m.
Neapolitans, Aug. 5, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.
Fred Langer, August 5, at 8 p.m.
Gov. Cox and Atty Gen. Hogan, Homecoming Day, August 6.
Harold Kessinger, August 6, at 8 p.m.
May Guenther, Aug. 6, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.
Count Lochwitzky, August 7, at 2 p.m.
W. S. Batties, August 7, at 8 p.m.
May Guenther, August 7, at 8 p.m.
The Gales, August 8, at 8 p.m.
Power Concert Co., August 8, at 2 and 7:20 p.m.
African Kaffir Boys, Aug. 9, 2:30 p.m.
Dr. O. J. Siebert, August 9, 7:30 p.m.

COURT MATTERS

The Appellate Court last week sustained Common Pleas Judge Layton in the case of the Celina & Mercer County Telephone Co. vs. the Union-County Telephone Co., overruling the motion of the plaintiffs to reinstate the injunction granted by the probate court. Costs were awarded to the defendants and case remanded to Common Pleas court for execution.

The court in their opinion says: "It clearly appears by the pleadings and from the answers to interrogatories, that defendant's telephone plant will be operated as a utility, not for profit and therefore is not a public utility."

"Hence the operation of said plant in the manner disclosed will not subject defendant to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission of Ohio."

Judge Mathers last Monday assigned the following cases for hearing on